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SUBJECT: LACIE PROGRAM

REF: TEHRAN 3303

1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN BE INVITED TO ASSIGN TECHNICIANS TO THE LARGE AREA CROP INVENTORY EXPERIMENT (LACIE) AT THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE INITIAL SCOPE OF THIS EXPERIMENT IS WHEAT PRODUCING REGIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, AND PARTICIPATION AT JSC HAS BEEN LIMITED TO THE THREE COOPERATING AGENCIES--NASA, NOAA, AND USDA.

2. WE FEEL IT IS PREMATURE TO INVOLVE TECHNICIANS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AT THIS TIME, SINCE LACIE IS EXPERIMENTAL AND IS FOCUSED UPON DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING IN NORTH AMERICA. WE FORSEE SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IF SUCH AN INVITATION WERE MADE. THE MANAGERIAL AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF LACIE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLEX, AND WE DO NOT FEEL THAT TEAMS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES COULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE EXPERIMENT WITHOUT CAUSING MAJOR DELAYS IN THE SCHEDULE.

3. AT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE WHEN AND IF THERE IS A DEMONSTRATION  
OF TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATIONAL  
TECHNIQUES FOR UTILIZING SATELLITE DATA FOR CROP FORECASTING,  
WE WOULD THEN FORESEE OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAIN PROJECT MANAGERS,  
ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS IN THE UTILIZATION OF THIS DATA FOR  
COUNTRY NEEDS. IF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATION ARISES  
BEFORE THEN, WE WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY.  
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